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SYNOPSIS

Permits veteran to receive credit toward licensure as licensed practical nurse upon completing certain military medical training programs

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning licensure as a licensed practical nurse and
2 amending and supplementing P.L.1947, c. 262

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Section 5 of P.L.1947, c. 262 (C.45:11-27) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 5. a. Qualifications of applicants. An applicant for a license
10 to practice practical nursing shall submit to the board evidence in
11 such form as the board may prescribe that the applicant (1) has
12 attained his or her eighteenth birthday; (2) is of good moral
13 character, is not an habitual user of drugs and has never been
14 convicted or has not pleaded nolo contendere, non vult contendere
15 or non vult to an indictment, information or complaint alleging a
16 violation of any Federal or State law relating to narcotic drugs; (3)
17 has completed 2 years of high school or the equivalent thereof, as
18 determined by the New Jersey State Department of Education; (4)
19 (a) has completed a course of study in a school of practical nursing
20 approved by the board and holds a diploma therefrom, [or] (b)
21 holds a diploma from a school of practical nursing operated by a
22 board of education in this State and is certified by the Department
23 of Education as having completed the number of hours of
24 instruction in the subjects in the curriculum prescribed by the board
25 and an approved course of affiliation, (c) has completed the Army
26 Practical Nurse Program (68WM6) or the Air Force Basic Medical
27 Technician Corpsman Program 4N051 (5 Skill Level), or their
28 equivalents, and was honorably discharged from military service, or
29 (d) has equivalent qualifications as determined by the board
30 including those determined pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 2013, c.49
31 (C.45:1-15.3) and section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
32 the Legislature as this bill).

33 b. License.

34 (1) By examination. The applicant shall be required to pass a
35 written examination in such subjects as the board may determine,
36 which examination may be supplemented by an oral or practical
37 examination or both. Upon successfully passing such examinations,
38 the applicant shall be licensed by the board to practice practical
39 nursing.

40 (2) By indorsement without examination. The board shall issue a
41 license to practice practical nursing without examination to any
42 applicant who has been duly licensed as a practical nurse or a
43 person entitled to perform similar services under a different title by
44 practical nurse examination or by original waiver under the laws of
45 another State, territory or possession of the United States, or the

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 District of Columbia, if in the opinion of the board the applicant
2 has the qualifications required by this act for licensing of practical
3 nurses or equivalent qualifications.

4 (3) Waiver. If application therefor is made, upon a form
5 prescribed by the board, on or before September 1, 1958, the board
6 shall issue without examination a license to practice practical
7 nursing to an applicant who submits to the board evidence in such
8 form as the board may prescribe that the applicant has
9 qualifications (1) and (2) provided in subsection "a" of this section
10 and had within 5 years prior to application at least 2 years of
11 satisfactory experience in practical nursing, at least 1 year of which
12 shall have been performed in this State except in cases of such
13 nursing performed in an agency or service of the Federal
14 Government; provided, that except in cases of such nursing
15 performed in an agency or service of the Federal Government, such
16 applicant is indorsed under oath by 2 physicians duly licensed to
17 practice medicine and surgery in New Jersey who have personal
18 knowledge of the applicant's qualifications and satisfactory
19 performance of practical nursing and by 2 persons who have
20 employed the applicant.

21 c. Fees. An applicant for license by examination shall pay to
22 the board at the time of application a fee of \$20.00 and at the time
23 of each application for re-examination a fee of \$10.00. At the time
24 of application an applicant for license without examination shall
25 pay to the board a fee of \$10.00, and an applicant for license by
26 waiver shall pay to the board a fee of \$10.00.

27 d. Title used by licensee. Any person who holds a license to
28 practice practical nursing under this act shall during the effective
29 period of such license be entitled to practice practical nursing and
30 to use the title "Licensed Practical Nurse" and the abbreviation
31 "L.P.N." The effective period of a license or a renewal thereof
32 shall commence on the date of issuance and shall terminate at the
33 end of the calendar year in which it is issued, and shall not include
34 any period of suspension ordered by the board as hereinafter
35 provided.

36 (cf: P.L.1966, c.186, s.3)

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38 2. (New section) The board shall promulgate rules and
39 regulations, in consultation with the Department of Military and
40 Veterans' Affairs, that determine:

41 a. for which training, education, and experience it shall give
42 credit toward its requirements for licensure as a licensed practical
43 nurse under section 1 of P.L.2013, c.49 (C.45:1-15.3), which shall
44 include, but not be limited to, credit for successful completion of
45 the following courses or programs or their equivalents: (1) Army
46 Practical Nursing Specialist (68C); (2) Army Health Care or Medic
47 Specialist (68W); (3) Navy Basic Medical Technician Corpsman
48 Program (HM0000); (4) Air Force Basic Medical Technician

1 Corpsman Program or Aerospace Medical Service (4N0X1); (5) Air
2 Force Basic Medical Technician Corpsman Program (4N031) (3
3 Skill Level); (6) Air Force Independent Duty Medical Technician
4 (IDMT 4N0X1C); or (7) any other program as determined by the
5 Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs; and

6 b. the remaining requirements or courses that an applicant must
7 fulfill or complete in order to take the examination required
8 pursuant to subsection b. of section 5 of P.L.1947, c. 262 (C.45:11-
9 27) after such credit is given.

10 c. The rules adopted pursuant to this section shall be effective
11 immediately upon filing with the Office of Administrative Law and
12 shall be effective for a period not to exceed 18 months, and may,
13 thereafter, be amended, adopted, or readopted in accordance with
14 the provisions of the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968,
15 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

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17 3. This act shall take effect on the 61st day next following
18 enactment, but such administrative action may be taken as is
19 necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

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STATEMENT

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24 This bill permits a veteran to receive credit toward licensure as a
25 licensed practical nurse (L.P.N.) upon completing certain military
26 medical training programs.

27 Specifically, the bill permits an honorably discharged veteran to
28 complete the Army Practical Nurse Program (68WM6) or the Air
29 Force BMTCP 4N051 (5 Skill Level), or their equivalents, in lieu of
30 obtaining a diploma from a school of practical nursing approved by
31 the New Jersey Board of Nursing to qualify as an applicant for
32 licensure.

33 The bill also directs the New Jersey Board of Nursing to issue
34 rules describing the training, education, and experience for which it
35 will give credit toward its requirements for licensure as a licensed
36 practical nurse under the laws governing the issuance of certain
37 professional and occupational licenses to veterans with equivalent
38 training. The bill also directs the board to specify the remaining
39 requirements or courses that an applicant must fulfill or complete in
40 order to take the National Council Licensure Examination-Practical
41 Nurse (NCLEX-PN) after equivalent credit is given for that
42 training, education, or experience. The bill requires that, at a
43 minimum, equivalent credit be given for successful completion of
44 the following courses or programs:

45 (1) Army Practical Nursing Specialist (68C);

46 (2) Army Healthcare or Medic Specialist (68W);

47 (3) Navy Basic Medical Technician Corpsman Program
48 (HM0000);

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- 1 (4) Air Force Basic Medical Technician Corpsman Program or
- 2 Aerospace Medical Service (4N0X1);
- 3 (5) Air Force Basic Medical Technician Corpsman Program
- 4 (4N031) (3 Skill Level);
- 5 (6) Air Force Independent Duty Medical Technician (IDMT
- 6 4N0X1C); or
- 7 (7) any other program as determined by the Department of
- 8 Military and Veterans' Affairs.